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Miss Effa Manley,  
Newark Eagles,  
71 Crawford Street,  
Newark, 2, N. J.

Dear Miss Manley:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your invitation to attend the opening game of the Negro National League baseball season at Ruppert Stadium, Sunday afternoon, May 7th, 1944.

I very much regret to advise you that I will be unable to attend the game as I will be in Chicago on that date.

Thanking you for your thoughtfulness in inviting me, I remain

Very truly yours,

*Ralph A. Villanti*  
DIRECTOR

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